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Program Audit: A Management Tool

Program Audit is a management tool providing corporate executives with an efficient, economical and timely means of monitoring the effectiveness of their organizations and operations. Properly used, it gives an in-depth view of organizational performance at all levels of the management structure, and provides a means by which managers can effectively and efficiently evaluate the adequacy of management direction, policies, and procedures. Preventive action can then be taken before problems materialize and costly corrective actions become necessary.

Program Audit, properly administered, is a self-supporting function available to all managers for making special reviews of problem areas. The audit activity consists of scheduled and unscheduled audits of all organizations and functional areas. The audit organization reports directly to management and is staffed by full-time professional auditors assisted, as required, by qualified technical personnel. The auditors are invested with the authority to take both preventive and corrective actions as necessary.

Through Program Audit, total, effective, and

unbiased audits are made available to all organization managers. Potential problem areas are more easily and more quickly recognized, so that effective and timely corrective action can be taken. In addition, cost savings can be effected by the prompt identification of redundant or unnecessary efforts, surpluses of materials and equipment, or overstaffing.

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